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Schwerin

1. The strength of the garrison in Schwerin is 40,000 troops, including large numbers of SMA personnel under the command of General Mikhailov.

Rostock

2. The strength of the Rostock garrison is 26,000, mainly tank, Soviet air force and naval personnel. Approximately 1,500 of these soldiers are infantry troops.
3. During the night of 3-4 April 1947 tanks began to arrive in Rostock from the south. Sixteen were seen in the first group. From that date onward a small number of armored cars and a large number of three-axled trucks continued to arrive in the town where they were loaded onto trains at the freight station. The trucks mainly were carrying ammunition boxes which, from their weight when handled, were evidently full. Some of the trucks were loaded directly onto the trains; others appeared to be on a shuttle service, unloading supplies which were piled up at the freight station. These supplies included spare tank tracks and parts.

4. The tanks bore no markings at all. "guards" sign was seen on a tarpaulin covering one of the tanks.

5. The armored cars seen were light four-wheeled types; the tanks appeared to be T-34s. Up to 12 April some seventy tanks had arrived. Railroad workers stated that the destination of the tanks, etc. was Thuringia. One specified Gera. There were no troops except for drivers and loading personnel with the tanks and trucks.

Gustrow

6. The garrison at Gustrow is composed of 16,000 troops, mainly tank and air force personnel but including small numbers of infantry.

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Jüterbog

7. Since 22 March 1947 practically all business enterprises in Jüterbog have had to close because the staffs have been called up for forced labor. The ammunition stored in dumps and in former military camps around Jüterbog is being packed and sent east. Some of it, however, is being blown up. The removal of the ammunition will take six weeks. Furniture, radio sets, clocks, etc. are also being requisitioned by the Russians in the Jüterbog area and taken east.

Waren

8. The garrison at Waren includes 15,000 troops, mainly naval personnel. A small number of infantry are also stationed there.

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Neustrelitz

9. An average of three tanks a day have been unloaded at Neustrelitz in the first two weeks of April. They are mainly T-34s, but some Josef Stalin tanks are included. They are parked on the square of the barracks near the local tank training ground. There are 25,000 troops in the area, mainly tank personnel.

Graal-Muritz

10. At Graal-Muritz a convalescent home for senior Soviet officers is being set up, and a police detachment of thirty men has been sent there from Rostock for guard duties. [redacted] such a large guard would be superfluous for a convalescent home and [redacted] a headquarters will, in fact, be established there.

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Putnitz

11. Light and heavy anti-aircraft units have arrived at Putnitz.

Fürstenberg

12. A Line of Communications HQ ("Versorgungshauptquartier") is located at Fürstenberg where administrative offices, workshops, central bakeries, supply offices, etc. are situated. A Soviet marshal, referred to as the Line of Communications Marshal ("Versorgungsmarschall") is in command. He is one of the three marshals at present stationed in Germany; the other two being Sokolovski and Rodmistrov.

Neuruppin

13. The garrison at Neuruppin is reported to number 30,000 troops. These are tank and Soviet air force troops.

Ohrdruf

14. A battery of twelve 150mm guns was observed on the main square at Ohrdruf.

Western Thuringia

15. One thousand extra troops, all of them infantry, have recently arrived in Meiningen. There have also been recent increases in the garrison strength at Eisenach where motorcyclists and motorized artillery recently have arrived.

Brandenburg

16. The Power Station buildings, numbers 27 and 28, in the Reichsbahn Repair Shops (R.A.W.) at Brandenburg-West are occupied by Red Army units which are engaged in the repair of tanks in the former locomotive workshops, building number 466. The commanding officer of these tank repair troops is Lt. Colonel Iyashko.

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